



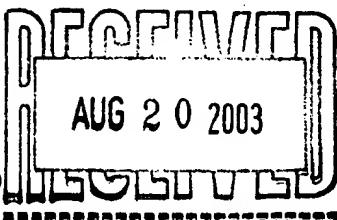
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : ACTIVATION OF MULTIPLE XDSL MODEMS WITH IMPLICIT CHANNEL PROBE



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Examiner: Dung Nguyen

Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Supplemental Partial European Search Report mailed on July 14, 2003 with respect to related European Application No. EP 99 91 4300 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 974 202, which was published as International Publication No. WO 99/35756 on July 15, 1999;

European Patent Application No. EP 0 820 168, which was published on January 21, 1998, along with counterpart U.S. Patent No. 6,002,722 to WU, which issued on December 14, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,644,573 to BINGHAM et al., which issued on July 1, 1997.

Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in Information Disclosure

Statements filed in the instant application on October 14, 1999 and April 7, 2000, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto.

A copy of a Korean Notice of Preliminary Rejection (together with an English language translation of the same) dated July 24, 2003 with respect to related Korean Application No. 10-2003-7008008 is enclosed, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,311,578 to BREMER et al., which issued on May 10, 1994. Applicant notes that this document was previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on October 14, 1999, and thus a copy of the same is not attached hereto.

The relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copies of the Supplemental Partial European Search Report and the Korean Notice of Preliminary Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite these patent documents. The above-cited documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

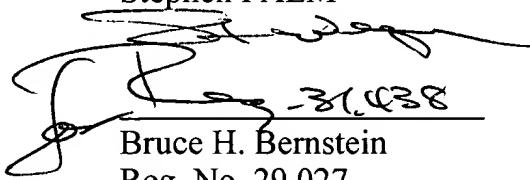
Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits, Applicant has provided below a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and a check including the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being submitted herewith in accordance

with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2). However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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